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THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

WASHINGTON, D. C. 20505

Deputy for National Intelligence

30 September 1977

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

FROM: Robert R. Bowie
Deputy to the DCI for National Intelligence

SUBJECT: D/DCI/NI Activities for the Period 19-30 September 1977

1. On Saturday the 24th, RRB [] and two officers from OER attended a half-day meeting at the White House on the future of the Soviet economy with outside experts and officials from NSC, State, Defense, and other agencies.

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2. On the 27th, RRB spent half a day at NSA with Admiral Inman and members of his staff getting a better understanding of the activities and capabilities of NSA. That afternoon, RRB participated in the sessions of the Scientific and Technical Advisory Panel. We asked the Panel to call to our attention emerging issues in its field.

3. RRB has held several hours of discussion during the past two weeks with Sayre Stevens, Dick Lehman, [] and a select group of staff members on what is being done and can be done to improve the quality of analysis and the capabilities of analysts. The impetus for these meetings is in part a request from the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence for a report on this question. More to the point, the meetings are intended to define and establish a systematic program to improve the quality of analysis. [] of the DDI Admin Staff has produced a paper on what is already being done; [] has pulled together a compendium of all the criticisms that have been made of the product and of the solutions that have been proposed. The next step will be to discuss with the NIOs and office heads possible measures to improve the quality in their particular areas of responsibility.

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4. A draft list of Presidential Intelligence Priorities has been prepared, drawing on the contributions from State, ISA, JCS, the DDI and the NIOs. RRB has sent this to the committee originally headed by David Aaron for discussion at a meeting next week. When the committee has reached agreement, he will forward it to you to table at the first meeting of the PRC, unless you would rather it be discussed first with NFIB.

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5. The Acting NIO for Latin America had Assistant Secretary of State for Inter-American Affairs Todman out to the Agency on the 29th

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